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**Please Note: New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, all vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.**

FV-307

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: September 18, 2008

Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-307, Invitation 078

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dried fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to child nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1 p.m., Central time, Friday, October 3, 2008**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, October 21, 2008. Deliveries are to be made from January 1, 2009 through April 30, 2009.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

<b>Natural Thompson (sun-dried) Seedless Raisins</b>	<b>144/1.33 oz. box</b>	<b>38,532 cases</b>
<b>Natural Thompson (sun-dried) Seedless Raisins</b>	<b>30 lb</b>	<b>2,760 cases</b>
<b>Natural Thompson (sun-dried) Seedless Raisins</b>	<b>24/15 oz. pkg.</b>	<b>1,728 cases</b>

**No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.**

**Note:** The raisins purchased under this invitation must be Natural Thompson (sun-dried) Seedless Raisins as defined in the U.S. Standards Type (I) - Seedless Raisins (1) Natural or (2) Vine-dried (DOV).

The product must be 100% grown, processed and packed in the United States from the 2007-08 or later crop year of Natural (sun-dried) Seedless raisins which have not been reconditioned by washing and drying.

**Destinations with split shipments that are unspecified on the invitation are indicated by a single asterisk (\*).**

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.



All invitations with orders for the state of New York must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring the special marking will be indicated by (\*\*). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?> Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

**Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract.** Inquiries about Announcement FV-307, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated May 2004 or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/ Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered to destination basis, subject to Announcement FV-307, to the listed locations. Destination quantities are estimates and are subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient need, market conditions, and program operations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV307  
 INVITATION : 078  
 COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED  
 COMM TYPE : 40 RAISINS  
 PACK SIZE : 20 144/1.33 OZ BOX

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/01/09 - 01/15/09					
001	BRENTWOOD	NY	TRUCK ONLY	2,223	_____ **
	HALFMOON	NY	TRUCK ONLY	741	_____
002	BINGHAMTON	NY		1,482	_____ **
	MARCY	NY	TRUCK ONLY	1,482	_____
003	CAMDEN	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	75	_____
	PORT NEWARK	NJ		2,827	_____
	VINELAND	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	62	_____
004	MOBILE	AL	TRUCK ONLY	1,765	_____
	WINTER HAVEN	FL		1,199	_____
005	JACKSONVILLE	FL	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
006	CLEVELAND	GA	TRUCK ONLY	1,739	_____
	FAIRBURN	GA	TRUCK ONLY	1,225	_____
007	AMERICUS	GA	TRUCK ONLY	805	_____
	DOUGLAS	GA	TRUCK ONLY	2,159	_____
008	CLEVELAND	OH	TRUCK ONLY	1,038	_____
	COLUMBUS	OH	TRUCK ONLY	1,178	_____
	DAYTON	OH		748	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/16/09 - 01/31/09					
009	PHOENIX	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
010	COMMERCE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	741	_____
	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	2,223	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 02/01/09 - 02/15/09					
011	BOLINGBROOK	IL	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/16/09 - 02/28/09					
012	BRENTWOOD	NY	TRUCK ONLY	2,223	
	HALFMOON	NY	TRUCK ONLY	741	**
DELIVERY PERIOD 04/16/09 - 04/30/09					
013	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,283	
	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,681	

COMM TYPE : 40 RAISINS  
 PACK SIZE : 30 30 LB CTN

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DELIVERY PERIOD 01/01/09 - 01/15/09					
014	CONCORD	NH	TRUCK ONLY	1,380	
015	CANTON	MI	TRUCK ONLY	1,380	

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 PACK SIZE : 50 24/15 OZ PKG

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DELIVERY PERIOD 01/01/09 - 01/15/09

016	MCLESTER	OK		1,728	
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TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 43,020

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 Commodity Procurement Branch  
 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

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